

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 85 public bills, H.R. 6272–6356; 19 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 136; and H. Res. 755–772 were introduced.

Pages H5704–08

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5711–13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5949, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–645, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 5949, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–645, Pt. 2).

Pages H5703–04

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Imam Nayyar Imam, Islamic Association of Long Island, Coram, New York.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 755, in the matter of Representative Laura Richardson of California, by voice vote.

Pages H5635–39

Recess: The House recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act: H.R. 5986, to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

Pages H5640–44

Authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 739, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations

for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government.

Pages H5649–50

Authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass H.R. 1402, as amended, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government.

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Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 6233, to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal year 2012 with the costs of such assistance offset by changes to certain conservation programs, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 554.

Pages H5644–49, H5650–58, H5681–84

Rejected the Costa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 553.

Pages H5681–83

H. Res. 752, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 549, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 548.

Pages H5644–49

Pathway to Job Creation through a Simpler, Fairer Tax Code Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 6169, to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 552.

Pages H5658–81

Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 551.

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Rejected:

Slaughter amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–641) that sought to lay out Democratic principles for tax reform that call for increased revenues to bring down our national debt and invest in economic growth; a progressive tax rate structure; protecting the vulnerable; repeal of the AMT; discouraging tax haven abuse; elimination of tax breaks that ship jobs and profits overseas; promotion of domestic manufacturing; and

preserving incentives for education, retirement, healthcare, home ownership, and small business (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 550).

Pages H5676–78

H. Res. 747, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6169) and (H.R. 8), was agreed to yesterday, August 1st.

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 747, the text of H.R. 6169, as passed by the House, is appended as new matter at the end of the engrossment of H.R. 8.

Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 747, H.R. 6169 is laid upon the table.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated yesterday, August 1st:

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived: H. Con. Res. 127, to express the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 555.

Pages H5684–85

Adjournment Resolution: The House failed to agree to S. Con. Res. 56, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 556.

Pages H5685–86

Preventing harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom internet publication of certain information applies: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 3510, to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom internet publication of certain information applies, and for other purposes.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, August 3rd.

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Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of the following individual from private life to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of six years: Mr. C. Kurt Dewhurst of Michigan.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5639–40 and H5684.

Senate Referrals: S. 1409 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and S.J. Res. 49 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

Pages H5702–03

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5648, H5648–49, H5678, H5680–81, H5681, H5683, H5683–84, H5684–85, and H5685–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES: AFGHAN CORRUPTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Afghan Corruption and the Development of an Effective Fighting Force. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Consumer Product Safety Commission officials: Inez Tenenbaum, Chairman; Robert Adler, Commissioner; Nancy Nord, Commissioner; and Anne Northup, Commissioner.

SOUND MONEY: PARALLEL CURRENCIES AND THE ROADMAP TO MONETARY FREEDOM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled “Sound Money: Parallel Currencies and the Roadmap to Monetary Freedom”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.